

Week with a dress revue featuring members in garments of their own creation. The year 1961 had an additional highlight with a hat revue of fashionable hats made in 12 workshops throughout the county. Another popular workshop was on making lamps. Concern for and assistance to senior citizens increased. Members began a volunteer service as hostesses at Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

In 1962 much emphasis was on refinishing furniture and successful workshops were held. Ninety-eight women modeled in the dress revue entitled "1962 Cavalcade of Cottons." The home demonstration Christmas fair originated in 1962, with all members donating items to be sold with the proceeds going to the county council treasury.

The Stokes County young homemakers program began with 250 non-club members. A large percentage of these were working mothers with children under six years old. A monthly newsletter was sent to them.

Importance was given to wills and inheritance laws in 1966. It was during this year that structural changes took place in the organization and the name was changed from home demonstration clubs to Extension homemakers clubs.

### **Pilot EFNEP Program**

Stokes was chosen as one of the counties to pilot the expanding nutrition program which supplied trained aides to visit underprivileged homes to teach how to serve nutritious foods while stretching the food dollar.

Since 1970 marked the 50th anniversary of Extension homemakers, the spring recognition program featured a fashion show entitled "You've Come A Long Way, Ladies."

In 1971 Extension homemakers supported programs for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped by contributing \$800 from the proceeds of the Christmas bazaar for two years. Homemakers also helped to sponsor a nutritional summer camp and camp for retarded children.

"Happenings of Extension Homemaker Year" was the theme of the spring recognition program in 1973. Club members were privileged to have Miss Doris Richards of Wales, Great Britain, visit them at a council meeting where she discussed creativity in stitchery and displayed some of her beautiful

works. Many members acquired pen pals from this visit and continue this correspondence.

Five Stokes club members participated in the "Sew More in '74" event at Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem where they modeled the garments they had made. Stokes County was especially proud of their candidate for Mother of the Year, Mrs. Albert Phillips, who won the district and state titles in 1974 and competed in the national contest in New York. Helping the elderly was emphasized and clubs began sponsoring birthday parties in the nursing and rest homes in the county.

### **Human Abuse Seminar**

Francisco and East Stokes joined the organization as new clubs in 1975. Kingston Forest was welcomed as a new club in 1977. A human abuse seminar was conducted and over 200 people attended the spring recognition program to hear Mr. John Byington, chairman of the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Another highlight of this night was the unveiling of the wall hanging, a project started in November 1976. Each club did a square of needlework depicting something historical or unusual about the club, community, or county. A large square in the center of the hanging was the county name and Extension homemakers emblem which drew the 15 clubs together as one. This project represented 500 hours of work and the cooperation of hundreds of individuals. On May 9, 1977, the wall hanging was mounted in the county Extension office where it is to be permanently displayed as a reminder to all who visit that office that the Stokes County Extension homemakers are proud of their organization, their heritage and their county.

The "tasting party" of the 1978 spring recognition program was thoroughly enjoyed by more than 200 people. Recipe books of the foods sampled were available. The homemakers also published a county cookbook with part of the profits going to the individual club treasury and the remainder to the council treasury, thereby replacing the annual club donations.

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of North Carolina extension homemakers, efforts are being made in 1980 to double the membership. New clubs organized are Pinnacle and Lawsonville.